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PRISON RODEO ESCAPES KATRINA – Staff and Inmates vow to continue a Louisiana Tradition

Warden Burl Cain, staff and inmates of the Louisiana State Penitentiary say the Wildest Show in the South will go on as scheduled. For the last 41 years, the front gates of the Department of Correction's only maximum-security adult male prison have opened to the general public every Sunday in October. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, prison switchboards have received many calls from rodeo fans across the state, nation and even those in other countries. Warden Cain remarked, "the Angola Prison Rodeo has become an institution in its own right. The famous event has brought much positive attention to the state. We appreciate Secretary [of Department of Public Safety and Corrections Richard L.] Stalder's approval to go ahead as planned."

Louisiana hospitality, music, arts and flavors of the state's unique cuisine have lured and captured rodeo attendees who have made yearly treks to the 18,000 acre prison farm a family affair. Spectators are also attracted to the fact that the event is affordable, entertaining and unforgettable. Proceeds of the event provide support for moral rehabilitation programs that encourage positive change and reduced recidivism among the incarcerated population.

All are encouraged to attend. Show your support for a great Louisiana tradition and join us in celebrating the spirit and heart of Louisianans. Ticket information is available at www.angolarodeo.com. Feel free to contact ticket sellers at (225)655-2030 or 655-2607 as well.